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DEPT PASS TO USTDA-MARIN; EXIM-RICHTER  
DEPT PASS USAID AFR/SD FOR CURTIS AND ATWOOD  
JOHANNESBURG FOR USTDA-NAGY  
ROME PASS TO TSA - ANTHONY GIOVANNIELLO  
DAKAR PASS TO FAA - MOIRA KEANE  
DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR FAA MCINTRON, AHARRIS  
DOC FOR 3317/ITA/OA/KBURRESS AND 3130/USFC/OIO/ANESA/MCREED

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SUBJECT: NIGERIA: DEMARCHE DELIVERED TO START AIR MARSHAL  
OPERATIONS

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(SBU) Subject demarche was delivered September 17 to Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority Director General Dr. Harold Demuren. Demuren has a thorough understanding of the air marshal request and reviewed the background information and memorandum of understanding (MOU) provided by EconOff. Demuren said that, at a first reading, the MOU has all the components that have been discussed, specifically how the weapons would be handled and that Nigeria is not required to employ air marshals on Nigerian flag carriers. Demuren did request that the Transportation Security Administration provide air marshal training to Nigeria in early 2010. He said he has no difficulty signing the MOU and will seek agreement from his legal office and the Minister. (NOTE: the Minister has a copy of the background and MOU).

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